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## GERMAN RESERVES FAIL TO STOP ALLIES

### Kaiser Throws in More Troops to Prevent Foch From Trapping the Boches.

Although the Germans are employing fresh forces of reserves in efforts to hold back the allied troops who are pressing them from the region of the Somme to the Oise, the American, British and French armies continue to make progress according to Associate Press dispatches.

Monday witnessed gains of ground at various points along the battle front of high importance for the further prosecution of the endeavors of the allies to drive out the Germans from the old Amiens-Montdidier sector.

After an extremely bitter contest the Americans and British have gained a foothold in the important little town of Bray-Sur-Somme, on the northern bank of the Somme. A short distance across the river to the south the British have taken Proyart and midway of the line have pressed on to the east of Fouquescourt in a maneuver which has resulted in the further outflanking of Chaulnes from the south and of Roye from the north.

On their part the French in the rolling country immediately north of the Oise River have captured Gury, a position of great strategic value, lying southwest of Lassigny, and at several other points southward to the region of the Oise have advanced their line further toward Noyon.

In Monday's fighting hundreds of additional Germans were made prisoners and the enemy also lost heavily in men killed or wounded. Unofficial reports give the number of Germans captured during the present offensive as in the neighborhood of 40,000.

Paris, Aug. 12.—French troops have captured the town of Gury, about eight and one-half miles south of Roye, according to the French official communication issued tonight. Two counter attacks against the po-

sitions held by the French and Americans on the Vesle River near Fismes have been repulsed.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 12.—Two enemy airdromes and more prisoners have been captured by the Allies. The prisoners are from fresh Prussian and Bavarian divisions and have been taken during the past two hours.

London, Aug. 12.—An official communication by the Air Ministry tonight, dealing with bombing and raiding operations, says that, despite the unfavorable weather, British airplanes successfully attacked an airplane and chemical works at Frankfurt. Other squadrons attacked the railways at Metz and an airdrome at Haguenau, Alsace.

### Rogers-Green.

Thursday evening of last week Lawrence R. Green, of four miles south of this city and Miss Dora Rogers, of this city, were united in marriage at the first Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Alexander officiating. They were attended by Miss Marie Deweese and Mr. Oscar Scifers. After the ceremony a dainty three course luncheon was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. O. Rogers, on East-Ft. Scott street.

The happy couple left on the train that night for Kansas City, where they spent a short honeymoon. After the first of September they will be at home to their friends on the farm of the groom four miles southeast of the city.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. J. O. Rogers, of this city and is a very charming and accomplished young lady. She attended the Butler High School and was a graduate of the Warrensburg Normal school and for the last few years had been a teacher in the Washington school of this city.

The groom is a young man of the most exemplary habits. He is an industrious farmer of Lone Oak township, where he has leased a good farm and where the happy couple will be at home after the first of September.

## SHOT HIMSELF

### L. C. Weeks Dead From Self Inflicted Bullet Wound.

Leonard C. Weeks, aged 35, a stock salesman of Kansas City committed suicide at his room in The Inn in this city early Tuesday morning, by shooting himself in the head with a .38 Colt automatic pistol. For the past year Mr. Weeks had at intervals been the victim of hallucinations and shortly before shooting himself imagined he saw two strange men at the windows of his room. According to his wife, Mr. Weeks' father died, the victim of insanity. About one year ago Mr. Weeks became the victim of hallucinations and was for a time confined in a sanitarium at Topeka, Kansas, on that account.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks drove to this city from Kansas City Monday night in their car arriving here at about 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and being unable to secure a double room took separate rooms and retired. Mrs. Weeks testified at the coroner's inquest that being exhausted from the trip and taking care of Mr. Weeks, who had been suffering from stomach trouble, she went to sleep almost immediately and was awakened about an hour later by Mr. Weeks complaining that he heard voices outside his room and that people were looking in his windows. Mrs. Weeks tried to soothe him and urged him to go to bed, but he insisted that men were outside his windows and rang for night clerk Clay Broadbuss, who assured him that no one was there.

After Mr. Broadbuss left the room he continued to complain of people watching him and told his wife that if he was again having hallucinations she had better be prepared for it. He also mentioned some of their friends here and told her repeatedly that neither she nor he would ever see them again. At about 5:30 he drank some wine thinking it would quiet his nerves and let him sleep but was unable to keep it on his stomach. Finally he laid down upon the bed and asked Mrs. Weeks to lie down beside him. This she started to do,

but noticing he had his pistol in his hand she became frightened and told him she must go down and see about their trunks. Going down to the office she called some Kansas City friends and, telling them the situation, asked them to come to Butler at once. When she returned to his room the door was locked and Mr. Weeks called to her and asked if she were alone. He then told her to wait a minute, and, hearing his pistol click, she ran to the stairway and called to night clerk Broadbuss, who was coming up the stairs. Mr. Broadbuss and Harley Smith, proprietor of The Inn responded to her calls, went to the Weeks room, and finding the door unlocked started to enter, hearing as they did so, the muffled report of a gun in the bath room. When they entered the bathroom, they found Weeks lying on the floor with his pistol under his head. The bullet had passed completely through the head. A physician was immediately called. Mr. Weeks never regained consciousness and lived only about 30 minutes. Mrs. Weeks, who collapsed, was taken to the room of a friend where she remained until the coroner's inquest.

Dr. Claude Allen of Rich Hill was notified and came to Butler at once and held an inquest over the remains, the jury bringing in the verdict that death was caused by a gunshot wound, self inflicted.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks had visited here several times during the past year, spending from two to three weeks at a time and made many friends here. They were married about two years ago and for a time made their home at 418 Warwick Boulevard, Kansas City.

Weeks was thirty-five years of age. The remains were taken to Kansas City and interment made Wednesday afternoon.

### Silo for Sale.

68-ton silo, 12x30 feet, 1 piece stave, Oregon fir.

Mrs. W. G. Mehaffey,  
Butler, Mo., Rt. 8.

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ORGANIZES

### Officers Elected and Executive Committee Appointed.

The Bates County Democratic Central Committee met in Butler Tuesday afternoon, August 13, and perfected an organization by the election of W. G. Dillon, chairman; A. B. Edrington, secretary; and T. S. Grimsley, treasurer.

An executive committee of seven members was appointed to consist of the chairman, secretary and treasurer and W. P. Miller, Dan Crabb, Fred Cecil and Fred Gilbert.

Every township was represented. The members of the committee are:

Mingo—Walter Staley  
Grand River—H. A. Harrison  
Deer Creek—T. E. Askew  
East Boone—H. D. Chambers  
West Boone—Edmond Bayse  
West Point—Ed Miller  
Elkhart—A. A. Ferguson  
Mound—W. G. Dillon  
Shawnee—H. P. Cox  
Spruce—A. B. Edrington  
Summit—W. P. Miller  
Deepwater—J. M. Kash  
Mt. Pleasant—W. R. Morrison  
Charlotte—T. S. Grimsley  
Homer—D. A. Bean  
Walnut—J. F. Cecil  
New Home—W. A. Woods  
Lone Oak—Fred Gilbert  
Pleasant Gap—V. J. Compton  
Hudson—H. T. Pratt  
Rockville—E. M. Bowen  
Prairie—W. O. Griffith  
Osage—Daniel Crabb  
Howard—Harry Curtis

### The Water Situation.

The water situation in Butler is about as bad as it well could be. Tuesday the standpipe was filled and is being held for fires and the supply to the city shut off. The long continued dry weather caused the springs and small streams that feed the Miami river above the pumping station to go dry and the supply of water above the dam was soon exhausted, or so nearly exhausted that it was

thought best to save what little there was left for emergencies. Old wells that have been shut up for years are being opened and the water used for washing and for stock water.

One of the most serious results following the shutting off of the water will be the effect it will have on the ice situation. Manager Letton, of the Home Produce company, informs us that the water in their well will last but a few days longer and at the end of that time they will be forced to close the plant. Every effort has been made to have ice shipped in from the outside, but it was impossible to get but one car and that was soon gone. The company has a small amount of ice on hand and that will be saved for sick persons and babies and for the meat markets.

A good big soaking rain for about 24 hours is about the only remedy for the situation.

### Notice of Meeting of Congressional Committee.

A meeting of the Democratic Congressional Committee of the Sixth Missouri Congressional District is hereby called to meet at the law office of Parks & Son in Clinton, Missouri, on Tuesday, August 20th, at 1 o'clock p. m., as required by law and for the purposes of organization under the Statute as well as to transact any other business which may properly come before said committee.

Payton A. Parks,  
Chairman Dem. Cong. Com.

### Lenin and Trotsky Flee to Kronstadt

London, August 12.—Premier Lenin and his chief assistant, Leon Trotsky, have fled to Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, according to a dispatch sent out by the semi-official Wolff Bureau of Berlin and printed in Zurich newspapers, says a Havas report from Paris.

### Soldier Letters.

We have three very interesting soldier letters which were crowded out this week, but which will appear in our next issue.

## SAMUEL LEVY MERCANTILE CO.

# Great Plush Coat Sale

## Buy Now and Save Money

Because we planned ahead and bought our stock of Plush Coats months ago, you can buy in this sale the finest of Salt's Silk Seal Plush Coats—the Seal Plush is the best product—many different styles to select from, fur trimmed, other kinds of trimming, also any wanted plain styles. Save fully one-quarter to one-third and more. A small deposit will hold the coat you select. Come to this money saving sale and investigate the values.

## PLUSH COATS

\$25.00, 30.00, 35.00, 45.00

CLOTH COATS just received, many styles, all the very latest models, blue, black, green, taupe, wisteria and burgundy, also a range of fancy styles.

Many new LADIES and MISSES FALL SUITS, bought from the very best New York manufacturers are arriving daily, the prices are in reach of everyone. See them.

FINE GEORGETTE CREPE WAISTS .....\$4.00  
FINE VOILE WAISTS .....\$1.48  
FINE DRESS SKIRTS .....\$5.00 AND UP  
FINE SATIN SKIRTS .....\$8.50 AND UP

FINE CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS .....\$2.98  
FINE BATISTE WAISTS .....85c  
FINE SILK SKIRTS .....\$7.50 AND UP  
FINE SHRINK NOMO WASH SKIRTS ON SALE

SILK PETTICOATS, CHANGEABLE, BLACK AND PLAIN COLORS—ALL  
GOOD MATERIAL WITH SILK DUST RUFFLE.....\$3.50

## 9 x 12 Brussels Rugs—most of them are seamless—Special at \$17.50

GOOD QUALITY CURTAIN SCRIM, SPECIAL.....10c yd  
GOOD QUALITY DARK PERCALE, SPECIAL.....15c yd  
GOOD QUALITY COTTON BLANKETS, SPECIAL.....\$2.75 pair  
GOOD QUALITY CAMBRIC EMBROIDERY, SPECIAL.....5c yd

GOOD QUALITY LIGHT PERCALE, SPECIAL.....15c yd  
GOOD QUALITY CRASH TOWELING, SPECIAL.....15c yd  
GOOD QUALITY WASH GOODS, SPECIAL.....28c yd  
GOOD QUALITY TABLE DAMASK, SPECIAL.....75c

NEW SILKS  
GEORGETTE CREPE, ALL NEW SHADES  
BLACK TAFFETA—EVERY YARD GUARANTEED.....\$1.48

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